

NORTH CAROLINA.

Greensboro Record: "Gentlemen of political parties who have had occasion to visit Raleigh during the present session of the legislature, say it is the most disgraceful crowd ever assembled not excepting the legislature of 1896."

Newbern Journal: The Baptist Tabernacle which is being erected on the corner of Broad street and MacAdams road is progressing rapidly. When completed it will be very suitable for the purpose for which it is being constructed.

Kinston Free Press: Shad are 40 to 45 cents for free and 20 to 25 for bucks. They are becoming more plentiful and shad steaks on the river banks are almost of daily occurrence.—The Bank of Kinston has been delayed opening up fully for business by the books and stationary not coming on time.

Greensboro Advocate: We are glad to be able to inform the very many friends of Dr. Solomon Pool that he is slowly and entirely improving. He is confined to his room, and has not yet the full use of his limbs, yet he is patient and hopeful, and lives in the sunshine of that presence in whom he trusts.

Greenville Reflector: A. M. Moore, who left Greenville in 1889 for Seattle, Washington, arrived Saturday evening on a visit, during his residence in the northwest he has seen much of people of all nations and classes, and says he has yet to see a people or a section that will compare with eastern North Carolina.

Winston Sentinel: The pastor of the colored Baptist church north of Winston, in that town, died at the Barton Cottage Company, baptized nine of his members in Belo's pond yesterday. It was a pretty "raw" day for immersions but, as a Baptist divine once remarked, "there is none of your warm water baptisms."

The current issue of The Bryson City Times publishes its own obituary notice: "It dies without a struggle, happy in the belief that there is no hereafter and that it will be dead a long time. It leaves all of its earthly possessions, except its good name, to the Mountain Ranger, which will appear next week."

Shelby Aurora: Near Fancy, in township No. 5, on last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Ford went away from home, and left their three children, aged 5, 7, and 9, at home. The oldest, a little boy, got hold of a pistol, it went off, and the ball struck his little sister of 7 in the left hand and right shoulder. The wounds are not necessarily fatal.

Rutherfordton Press: The 2-year-old son of J. B. Long, of Forest City, was burned to death on last Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Ford went away from home, and left their three children, aged 5, 7, and 9, at home. The oldest, a little boy, got hold of a pistol, it went off, and the ball struck his little sister of 7 in the left hand and right shoulder. The wounds are not necessarily fatal.

Lenoir Topie: With Russell cursing and swearing like a sailor, the executive officer, his private secretary offering bribes to members of the legislature, and the chief clerk of one of the great departments of state under indictment for arson, the Old North State is indeed in a bad way. And this is what the reformers and co-operationists have brought on us.

Fayetteville Observer: This "reform" legislature has done little else than create new offices with fat salaries. Not satisfied with having created enough to go round they have commenced to raise the salaries of those already in the place. The reformers tramped called at the residence of Chief of Police Flowers and knocked at the door and demanded admission. Mrs. Flowers asked their names but they only mumbled out something about wanting some sugar and "got to have it." Little William Flowers hearing the racket snatched up his rifle and blazed away through the door. The fellows did not tarry longer.

Greensboro Record: A gentleman from Winston tells The Record that the body of a newly born baby was found in a well in the city last Saturday afternoon. It was white. Soon afterwards it was learned that a white woman had been carried away from the house on the day previous on a mattress and had taken the train for Raleigh. Who this woman was or what she did not know, but an officer passed through here yesterday for Raleigh to look her up.—Rev. W. L. Grissom having sold his entire interest in The Advocate, with his good will to Rev. L. W. Crawford and the North Carolina conference, has retired from the business management of the paper.

Weldon News: An old darkey appeared before the commissioners and asked Chairman Harrison if his account had been allowed.

"I don't know," said Mr. Harrison, "what was your bill for?" "For burying a populist," responded the old man, meaning a pauper, of course.—Martha Gatlin, an aged and highly respected colored woman was accidentally drowned in the basin of the canal Monday morning about 9 o'clock.—Mr. Alfred Cook, a well known farmer living near Enfield, died suddenly while fishing in Fishing creek last Friday.—Junius Moody, colored, was placed in the lock-up on Saturday charged with the larceny of a cow last fall. Sunday morning the bird had flown and a burned door told the tale of the escape.

Asheville Citizen: Editor J. P. Caldwell's letter from the City of Mexico to The Charlotte Observer says that Nat. W. Taylor, the well known photographer, formerly of Asheville, is contemplating locating in Mexico.—Four pistol shots caused some excitement Saturday night about 10 o'clock on Court Place. They were fired by W. J. Postell, the College street grocer, at J. E. Jones, a young man who is in the employ of the east Court Place grocery firm of T. C. Butler & Son, and were the result of a misunderstanding that has for some time existed between them. Mr. Postell began firing. Jones made a futile effort to deprive Mr. Postell of the weapon, and then ran, taking refuge in the store of C. F. Ray. Two of the bullets passed through Mr. Jones' coat sleeves.

Charlotte Observer: Charity Simmons, a well known and highly respected colored woman of the city, died suddenly Sunday afternoon. She was 56 years of age, and was a member of the Clinton chapel. The funeral services were conducted there yesterday afternoon and were largely attended.—Mr. James Northey, cotton cutter for Sanders & Orr, who went to Richmond week before last to have an operation performed on his throat, as noted in The Observer, is critically ill in a hospital in Richmond. He was thought to be dying Sunday. Dr. O'Donohue received a letter yesterday from the physician attending Mr. Northey, saying that his recovery was impossible.—Marion, March 8.—News has been received here today confirming a rumor of a murder near Montezuma in Mitchell county. It seems that Milt Daniel and Sam Feltner, who were warm friends and lived together, a few days ago visited a "blind tiger" and became intoxicated, after which they fell out. Milt Daniel had a pistol with only one

cartridge. He shot and instantly killed Feltner. He was captured and placed in jail to await trial at the spring term of Mitchell court. Feltner was a quiet, peaceable citizen, while Daniel is said to be a desperate character.

Monroe Enquirer: On last Monday afternoon a little 5-year-old son of Mr. J. W. Hasty, of Marshville, was burned to death. The little fellow went out to where some broom sage was burning and his clothing caught on fire. After five hours of suffering death relieved the little sufferer.—Miss Stella Ward, aged 16 years, of Rowan county, was bitten by a pet dog last September. The wound was so slight that no attention was paid to it, even the scar had nearly disappeared. Last Wednesday, the girl was stricken with hydrophobia, and two days later she died in terrible convulsions.

Raleigh News and Observer: Many sneak bills were smuggled through the legislature. One was found in the closing hours of the session.—The legislature has done one thing for the poor that must be given. The act to encourage local taxation for the poor schools, which appropriates \$50,000 to be given to districts that levy a special school tax, is one of the wisest laws ever enacted in North Carolina.—The negro hoboes at that, five of them, took charge of the fast interstate freight, No. 21, on the Seaboard Air Line Monday night. They landed at Killy, a small station in Virginia, just this side of Suffolk, and they wanted to come to Raleigh. They proposed to come on this particular train, the conductor and train hands to the contrary notwithstanding. Result: A wounded conductor, one dying negro (probably dead by this time), another negro in that condition after three days. The story of the occurrence is told by the conductor, Captain John C. Judkins.—It has been a do-nothing body, and a disgrace to the state. Pie for the fusionists has been the only increase of local tax. If there were no places enough to go round, new places were made to fit the man.

Charlotte Observer: Hog cholera has broken out in the county. Hon. S. B. Alexander has lost all of his fine hogs but one.—A colored woman named Weir at Greensboro, was caught between two cars on the Davis street crossing yesterday afternoon, and her leg was found so badly mangled that it was found necessary to amputate it. She will probably die.—Quite a ripple of excitement was caused at Lenoir yesterday by the arrest of daylight in the morning of Fry Torrence, for his vigorous resistance of the officers. Some six or eight months ago Tom Setzer, of that county, died, leaving a wife about 70 years of age, and it was supposed to be a lot of money secured about his premises. Some two weeks after Setzer's death, the old lady—his widow—and Fry Torrence, a young chap of wild ways, and about 22 or 23 years of age, were married on the Blowing Rock turnpike about two miles north of Lenoir. Apparently all went along smoothly until within the past few days, when there have been rumors of war. In the meantime, however, the sheriff's hands calling for young Torrence, and charging, it is said, that he was attempting to flee the county with \$800 of his beloved's clear cash. After the hardest tussle Sheriff Boyd has ever experienced, he says he and his deputy, Abernathy, landed Fry Torrence in jail here. Although handcuffed and being led by the sheriff, he managed to trip the sheriff, throwing him into a ditch, and falling on top of him broke a rib for the officer.

Raleigh Tribune: It is enough to make a spine quiver to hear the supporters of the bill to amend the North Carolina railroad lease claim a victory or a drawn battle when their measure lies on the table and everything they fought for during the space of two months is lost. It is said that Governor Rogers is to be rewarded for his work in Wake county last spring. Will he divide with the negroes that he bought up?—The prediction of Bailey of North Carolina that the governor would be a black list can be verified by reference to some of his recent appointments.—Senator Pritchard is hardly less occupied than the president. The only southern republican senator, he is consulted by all the southern republican leaders for advice. He carries a night latch to the White House. He presented two North Carolina delinquents to the president today. In the forenoon he presented Colonel Boyd, who is slated for first assistant postmaster general. Representative White of the Second district, ex-Representative Cheatham and I. M. Milliken, of Randolph, are applicants for United States marshal, and G. S. Bradshaw, of Asheville, and Joseph Keen, of Salisbury, are applicants for the murder, last fall, of his brother-in-law, Ransom Johnson. The difficulty was on account of an old feud between the men. There were no witnesses to the act, but there is no doubt. Keen is a murderer. The wife of the murdered man is in the courtroom while her husband is on trial for killing her brother. She sticks to her husband. Republican Neck Democrat C. J. Rhem, manager of the state farm near Halifax recently killed a hog which weighed 612 pounds.—The Suffolk correspondent to the Norfolk Virginian says that farmer Risk of that county, who had a Suffolk hog three years old that weighed 605 pounds.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Little Greece is brave, but the powers could not do her a greater injury than to turn Turkey loose upon her. The Turks are terrible fighters and out-battle the Greeks three or four to one.—Houston Post.

"Between more loans and more revenue," says President McKinley, "there ought to be only one opinion." There is only one opinion that counts for anything, and that is the same as the president's.—New York Tribune.

The last barrier of prejudice against woman's rights has been stormed and carried by the new woman of Nevada, and petticoats will have equal rights with trousers at the coming Cosmopolitan-Fittsimmons mill.—Chattanooga News.

He makes it clear that he understands the gravity of the situation, and emphasizes a gratifying determination to proceed at once with the application of such remedial legislation as will restore order out of the commercial and industrial chaos that has reigned during the past few years.—Atlanta Constitution.

The ends of justice were subserved when an ex-alderman of St. Paul was sent to jail for refusing to expose the individual who had paid him \$2,000 for his vote on a question affecting the water works. The man who offers and pays a bribe is as guilty as the man who accepts it.—Kansas City Star.

"The Church Standard" (Episcopal) admits that there is some truth in the charge of serious carelessness often brought against the Episcopal Church. "There is," it says, "a good deal of offensive conceit in the way in which we talk about the 'sects' and the 'denominations.'"—New York Tribune.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Praise to our fathers for the great gift of the constitution, under which the term of office of every president, good, bad or indifferent, is brought to an end instead of running on indefinitely. If we are to have the same man, at the least, a man who is not destitute of reason, who is not superheated with personal vanity, who has had valuable experience as a legislator, who is largely imbued with the spirit of Americanism, and who, in other years, made it manifest that he possesses the valor which is native to this country. Praise to the framers of our felicitous constitution, which puts it within our power to make choice of a man of promise for the presidency. It will be the privilege and duty of every good American citizen to support President McKinley so long as he shall prove worthy of his office; so long as he shall give the country an administration of intelligence, virtue, strength, honor and valor.—Americus (Ga.) Times.

It is one of the beauties of our peculiar form of government and the popular devotion to it, that parties and presidents may come and go without disturbing the usual course of events, or provoking the faintest ripple of discontent. The privilege is stated with-out the suspicion of undue prejudice attaching to the criticism that the administration which passes out today has failed to meet the expectations or win the approval of either the country at large, or the party which placed it in power. It's head has made the mistake of attempting to do without his party. He has failed to listen to the wide spread murmurs of popular discontent and has narrowly followed the desires of a class, until he has alienated the former consent of the great majority of the democrats and of the people, without winning the approval of the elements opposed to democracy. Going into office on a wave of popular strength and with a united and great party behind him, he will leave the executive office with his former party torn and defeated, the country depressed, the government embarrassed and the people questioning both the capacity and integrity of the administration itself.—Houston (Texas) Post.

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." Among the figure heads of the nation none needs profounder sympathy than he, most potent of them all, who this week assumes the realities without the gaudy external insignia, though he may be a real and a true authentic sovereignty. If he shares no dynamic dreads that rob thrones of their restful allurements, the new successor of the great Washington and the noble Lincoln, with malice toward none and charity toward all, his keener perils of difficulties all but insuperable, and of expectations made poignant by the patient long-suffering of a people unused to adversity. The pent-up hopes of seventy millions await the fulfillment of the chief magistrate's promise. No fiercer light ever beat upon a throne than the pitiless glare of hungry eyes that long have yearned, and now agonizingly implore, and may yet flash despairing demands for some relief. The people want the fulfilment of the right to life with happiness to the wronged. The land quivers, the rumblings of threatening convulsions are heard, a great nation awaits its master-servant, and the time of a strong and steady leader who can lead, build up and protect, and give back to the industrious millions cursed with idleness and despoiled of the fruits of their toil, the right to breathe, to work, to live.—Philadelphia American.

The Louisville Courier-Journal, which supported the cause of the bolting democrats last fall, and which to that extent, at least, was in league with Mr. Cleveland, publishes a four-column editorial reviewing the last presidential administration. The article, which is signed by the editor, Henry Watterson, and purports to deal with Mr. Cleveland with judicial calmness and impartiality. We quote the concluding paragraphs, which afford an excellent sample of the whole article. He came to office, he says, as the president in twenty-five years. As to the political issues of the time, he possessed no special instructor. Of the leading men of his party he knew little or nothing. No man ever crossed the line of party loyalty more faithfully than he. He was a man of destiny. To him, the senate of the United States was the legislature of the state of New York; the house of representatives, the city council of Buffalo. He found out his mistake. But, as his intelligence increased his amiability diminished. The last four years, he has cultivated neither, preferring to pursue a method, half boorish and half cunning, of leading the country along like from his personal intercourse and public support men having original, independent opinions of their own, or a strong sense of self-respect.—Richmond Dispatch.

The fact that while mills have been closed in New England and the eastern states, the southern factories of every description have been open and running on full time for a year or so past, is a fact of great significance which has not been sufficiently noted or appreciated either south or north. The cotton, the iron and the iron works of Alabama have been kept profitably busy at nearly all times and small establishments of an industrial character wherever located in the southern states have reported a similar fact. The fact is the best possible evidence that the south today offers the best field for the investment of manufacturing capital of any section in the United States. The demand for manufactured articles of course large and on the things being equal, the preference in purchases will be given to the home product. It is not true that home industries are not patronized when quality and price are equal to those of the imported article. 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